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1. Transport planes previously reported in the Mezen area are making regular runs between Mezen and Archangel. Both single and twin-motored transport planes have been observed on Kogostrov Airfield. Jet planes fly over Archangel in groups of five.
2. Many air cadets and training planes have been observed at Kogostrov Airfield, and it can be assumed that there is an air academy there.
3. Unusual air activity has been observed over the Spilve Airfield at Riga, with many planes on the ground. Their number leads to the conclusion that two or three air regiments have been stationed there.
4. During Oct and Nov 1953 maneuvers were held by the Twenty-fourth Air Army, with jet fighters and bombers participating. Seven fighter regiments and five bomber regiments participated in the maneuvers, together with armored units, artillery and infantry. In the air maneuvers, IL-10s attacked from an altitude of 100 to 150 m, being covered by MIG-15s. MIG-15s were also employed as fighter bombers.
5. There is a naval airport between the fishing harbor and the naval port on the Kopli Peninsula. Each morning two twin-engined flying boats make reconnaissance flights out into the Baltic. There is also another naval airport in the Tallin area, at the northern end of Ulemitse Lake, 59:25 N/27:47 E.

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